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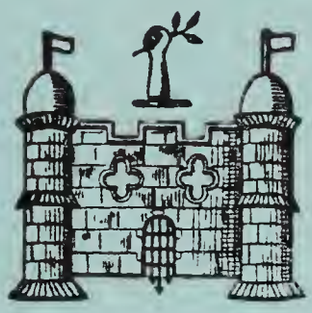

MEDICAL OFFICER'S ANNUAL REPORT,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31ST, 1925.

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Medical Officer's Annual Report

For the Year ended December 31st, 1925.

To the Chairman and Councillors of the Knaresborough Rural District Council.

GENTLEMEN,

I have pleasure in submitting for your consideration my Annual Report as Medical Officer of Health, for the year 1925.

This year's Report is the Survey Report required by the Ministry of Health every five years.

I am indebted to your Sanitary Inspectors for their assistance in preparing statistics of sanitary matters and housing.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

W. J. FORBES,

May, 1926. *Medical Officer of Health.*

Principal Statistics, 1925.

Area (acres)				37,362
Population, 1921				8,640
Estimated Population (Ministry of Health, 1925)				8,641
Number of Inhabited Houses, 1921				2,010
Rateable Value, 1925				£94,193
	Total.	Male.	Female.	
Number of Births ... Legitimate ...	110 ...	60 ...	50	Total 118
Number of Births ... Illegitimate ...	8 ...	4 ...	4	
Birth Rate				13·65
Deaths—Males, 36 ; Females, 64				Total, 100
Death Rate				11·56
Number of Women dying in, or in consequence of, Child birth				from Sepsis ... 1 other causes...*Nil*
Deaths of Infants under one year of age, per 1,000 births				Legitimate, 33·89 Illegitimate, 25·42 ... 59 31
Deaths from Measles (all ages)				*Nil*
,, Whooping Cough (all ages)				2
,, Diarrhœa				*Nil*

Sum represented by a Penny Rate, £301 9s. 7d.

Population.

The population of the district as estimated by the Registrar General is 8,641, or only one more than at the census of 1921. I feel sure this is very much underestimated, and that a much more correct estimate is 9,459.

Births.

The number of births for 1925 was 118—64 males and 54 females. The number for the previous four years was:—1921—148 ; 1922—116 ; 1923—129 ; 1924—119. This gives an annual birth rate of 13·65 per thousand of the estimated population. The corresponding birth rate for England and Wales was 18·3. Eight births—4 males and 4 females—were registered as illegitimate.

Deaths.

The number of deaths of residents of the district was 100—36 males and 64 females. This gives an annual death rate of 11·56 per

thousand of the estimated population. The death rates for the previous four years were:—1921—10·07; 1922—13·35; 1923—11·03; and 1924—13·77. The corresponding death rate for England and Wales was 12·2.

Infantile Mortality.

There were 7 deaths of infants under 1 year of age. Three of these were in illegitimate children. The causes of death were Premature Birth, 4; Whooping Cough, 2; Meningitis, 1; and Convulsions, 1. This gives an infantile mortality of 59·31 per 1,000 births registered. The corresponding rate for England and Wales was 75.

Causes of Death at all Ages.

The principal causes of death were:—Cancer, 16; Tuberculosis of Lungs and other Tuberculous Diseases, 10; Heart Disease, 10; Arterio-sclerosis, 9; Cerebral Hæmorrhage, 7; Pneumonia, 6; Bronchitis, 4; Influenza, 4; Violence, 3; and Suicides, 2.

Infectious Diseases.

The number of Infectious Diseases notified in 1925 was 46. In the previous four years the numbers were:—1921, 56; 1922, 39; 1923, 34; and 1924, 45.

Disease	Total Cases Notified	Cases admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Small Pox	...	...	...
Scarlet Fever	17	17	...
Diphtheria	2	2	...
Enteric Fever	...	...	...
Puerpural Fever	1	1	1
Pneumonia	8	...	6
Other Diseases generally notifiable	...	...	...
Other Diseases notifiable locally	...	...	...

There has not been any notifiable infectious disease specially prevalent during the last five years. Two cases of Encephalitis Lethargica were notified, with one death. The latter, however, turned out to be Tubercular Meningitis. All cases of Pneumonia were not notified.

Pathological and bacteriological specimens are examined at County Hall, Wakefield, and frequent use is made of the facilities there.

No use, so far, has been made of the Schick and Dick tests in Diphtheria and Scarlet Fever respectively.

No vaccinations have been performed by the Medical Officer of Health under the Public Health (Small-pox Preventive) Regulations, 1917.

Influenza of a mild type has occurred during the year, with four deaths.

Cancer caused 16 deaths during the year. This is the highest death rate from this cause during the last 25 years. In the previous four years the numbers were:—1921—9; 1922—7; 1923—8; 1924—8.

Disinfection of infected premises is carried out, and articles exposed to infection are disinfected at the Isolation Hospital.

TUBERCULOSIS.

New Cases and Mortality during 1925.

Age Periods.	NEW CASES.				DEATHS,			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	...	...	...	1	..	...	...	..
5	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...
10	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...
15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
20	...	1	...	..	...	2	1	...
25	1	1	...	...	3	1	...	...
35	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...
45	2	..	...	...	1	...	...	...
56	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...
65 and upwards	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1
Totals	3	4	1	2	4	4	1	1

Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations 1925.

No action has been necessary under this regulation.

Public Health Act, 1925, Section 62.

No action has been necessary under this section during 1925.

Causes of Sickness.

There was no particular cause of sickness or invalidity of special note during the year.

Summary of Nursing Arrangements, Hospitals, and other Institutions available for the District.

The County Council are the Authority under the Notification of Births and Child Welfare Acts for the whole of the District.

For Health Visiting and School Nursing purposes the District is divided into 6 nursing areas, one area being worked by a whole-time Nurse, and the remaining 5 by District Nursing Associations. These latter Associations, in addition to performing Health Visiting and School Nursing Work on behalf of the County Council, undertake Midwifery and District Nursing Work.

The following are the 6 areas :—

Name of Nursing Association.	Area
Burton Leonard	Burton Leonard.
Farnham and Scotton	Farnham, Scotton, Ferrensby, Brearton.
Killinghall	Killinghall, Ripley, and Nidd.
Spofforth...	Follifoot and Plompton.
Pannal	Pannal and Beckwithshaw.
Whole-time Nurse	Hampsthwaite, Bilton, Haverah Park, Felliscliffe, Starbeck, Goldsborough, Flaxby, Scriven, Knaresborough Outer, South Stainley, and Walkingham.

Midwifery Section.

Midwifery is undertaken by the District Nurses in Hampsthwaite, Farnham, Scotton, Brearton, Ferrensby, Burton Leonard, Pannal, Beckwithshaw, and Killinghall.

No Nurses are employed or subsidised by the Local Authority.

Hospitals Provided or Subsidised by the Local Authority or County Council.

(1) *Tuberculosis.*

The Local Authority does not provide hospitals for Tuberculosis, but this class of case is admitted to hospitals provided by the County Council, none of which are situated in this district.

(2) *Maternity.*

There is no Maternity Hospital in the district.

(3) *Children.*

There is no hospital for the treatment of children in the district.

(4) *Fever.*

The Harrogate and Knaresborough Joint Isolation Hospital, situated in Knaresborough Outer, provides accommodation for 72 patients.

(5) *Small Pox.*

The Small Pox Hospital, situated in Killinghall, is provided by the Harrogate and Knaresborough Joint Isolation Committee. It has 16 beds.

(6) *Other Hospitals.*

There are no other hospitals in the district. The hospitals available for the district are the General and Special Hospitals situated in Harrogate, Leeds, Bradford, and York.

Institutional Provision for Unmarried Mothers and Illegitimate Children.

There are no Institutions within the district for unmarried mothers or illegitimate children.

Ambulance Facilities.

The Ambulance facilities for (*a*) infectious cases are provided by the Harrogate and Knaresborough Joint Isolation Hospital Committee; (*b*) non-infectious cases, an ambulance is supplied by the Knaresborough Ambulance Committee.

Laboratory Work.

The West Riding County Council carry out Bacteriological examinations at their laboratory at Wakefield. Outfits for specimens are supplied to medical men on application.

Diphtheria Anti-toxin can be obtained by medical practitioners for use in necessitous cases from the Medical Officer of Health.

Urban Powers possessed by the Rural District Council of Knaresborough, and adoptive acts in force.

Under the Public Health Act, 1875—
Sections 42 and 44, so much as is not already in force.
Sections 157 and 158.
Section 169, second and third paragraphs.
Section 170.
Date of Order, 14th September, 1878.

The Public Health (Building and Streets) Act, 1888—
Section 3. Date of Order, 12th October, 1895.

Infectious Diseases (Notification) Act, 1882, 52 & 53 Vict. chap. 72.
Adopted 3rd June, 1896, came into force 1st August following.

The Private Street Works Act, 1892, for certain streets in the Parish of Pannal. Date of Order, 2nd May, 1896.

So much of Part III. of the Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act, 1890, 53 and 54 Vict. chap. 22, as is specified in Section 50. Certain Sections of Parts II., III., IV., and X. of the Public Health Acts. Article 1 (Amendment) Acts, 1907. Date of Order, 6th Sept., 1912.

Within the contributory places of Bilton and Starbeck.

The Public Health Act, 1875—
Sections 25 and 26.
Sections 42, so much as is not already in force.
Section 44, so much as is not already in force.
Sections 47, 66, 112, 113, 114, 115.
Section 157, so much as is not already in force.

Such of the provisions of the Towns Improvement Clauses Act, 1847, as are incorporated with the Public Health Act, 1875, by Section 160 of that Act.

Such of the provisions of the Towns Improvement Clauses Act, 1847, with respect to Slaugeter-houses as are incorporated with the Public Health Act, 1875, by Section 169, second paragraph. Section 169, third paragraph, and Section 170. The Public Health (Buildings in Streets) Act, 1888, Section 3. The Public Health Acts, Amendment Act, 1890, Section 23, so much as is not already in force.

With the contributory places of Killinghall, Knaresborough Outer, and Scriven.

The Public Health Act, 1875—
Sections 25, 26, 47, 112, 113, 114, 115.

Such of the Provisions of the Towns Improvement Clauses Act, 1847, as are incorporated with the Public Health Act, 1875, by Section 160 of that Act.

The Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act, 1890, Section 23, so much as is not already in force.

Within the contributory place of Pannal.

The Public Health Act, 1875—
Sections 25, 26, 47, 66, 112, 113, 114, 115, and such of the provisions of the Towns Improvement Clauses Act, 1847, as are incorporated with the Public Health Act, 1875, by Section 160 of that Act.

The Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1890, Section 23, so much as is not already in force.

Article II.

The expenses incurred or payable by the said Rural District Council in the execution of the powers conferred upon them by Article I. of this Order and in the execution of the Urban Powers already possessed by them, and in the execution of the powers possessed by them under Section 157 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and under Section 23 of the Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act, 1890, by

reason of the adoption as aforesaid by the said Rural District Council, or Part III. of that Act, except so far as such expenses may relate to their Establishment and Officers, shall be deemed to be "Special Expenses" within the meaning of the Public Health Act, 1875, and shall be charged as such upon the contributory place in respect of which they may have been incurred. Date of Order, 6th February, 1897.

Such of the provisions of Section 157 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and of Section 22 of the Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act, 1890, as are not already in force by reason of the adoption by the Rural District Council of Part III. of the last mentioned Act in the Parish of Follifoot, and the expenses incurred in the execution thereof will be special expenses.

Date of Order, 18th October, 1897.

N.B.—The Infectious Diseases Notification Act and Part III. of the Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act, 1890, Section 50, are applicable to the whole of the District.

Where not otherwise specified the Urban Powers apply to the contributory places of Bilton, Killinghall, Knaresborough Outer, Pannal, Scriven, Starbeck.

Sanitary Administration.

A tabular summary of the work of the Sanitary Department is given in Table C appended. The Sanitary Inspector undertakes the whole of Article 19 of the Sanitary Officers Order, 1922.

Public Health Staff.

Also see Table C.

Housing.

A tabular summary of "Housing" is given in Table D appended.

Sanitary circumstances of the area.

Water Supply,

The district contains 22 parishes, with a total area of 37,362 acres, and a population of 8,640 (census, 1921).

Ten parishes—Bilton, Burton Leonard, Follifoot, Goldsborough, Haverah Park, Killinghall, Knaresborough Outer, Pannal, Scriven, and Starbeck—have public supplies, and the area of these districts contains 21,176 acres and 5,900 population.

Three parishes—Nidd, Plompton, and Ripley—have private supplies, and the area of these districts contains 4,983 acres and 650 population.

Nine parishes depend on wells with an area of 11,203 acres and a population of 1,090.

As regards the sufficiency and quantity of the water supply in these nine parishes, the conditions are as follows :—

(1) South Stainley.—Village spring ; varies very little.

(2) Walkingham-Hill-with-Occaney.—Sufficient.

(3) Farnham.—Sufficient, but very hard.

(4) Brearton.—Mostly sufficient.

(5) Flaxby.—Mostly sufficient, but very hard.

(6) Ferrensby.—Mostly sufficient ; from public well.

(7) Felliscliffe.—Mostly sufficient.

(8) Hampsthwaite.—The wells in the village are mostly shallow and liable to pollution. There is a shortage in dry periods.

(9) Scotton.—Three wells have been sunk by the Council lately which prevents the shortage which used to occur in dry periods.

Rivers and Streams.—The only complaint of pollution of rivers is at Hampsthwaite, where the drainage of the village opens direct into the river. A sewerage scheme is being prepared to remedy this condition.

Drainage and Sewerage.—Sewerage of the following villages is required :—Burton Leonard, Ferrensby, Scotton, South Stainley, Hampsthwaite, and Kettlesing.

Closet Accommodation.—See Table C.

Scavenging.—In Pannal the scavenging is done by contract at a cost of £260. Killinghall, Hampsthwaite, and Knaresborough Outer require scavenging.

Sanitary Inspection of the Area.—See Table C.

Schools.—The sanitary conditions and water supply of the schools in the area is on the whole satisfactory. Several schools were closed during the year owing to outbreaks of measles and whooping cough.

Inspection and Supervision of Food.—See Table C.

Table C.—1925.

Medical Officer of Health.—W. J. FORBES, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O.

Sanitary Inspector } WILLIAM LUPTON.
Building Inspector }

NUISANCE INSPECTIONS—

Total No. of Inspections made in 1925, for Nuisances only, 230.
Nuisances reported in 1925, 65.
Nuisances in hand, end of 1924, 55.
Notices served—Informal, 34; Complied with, 31.
Statutory, 8; Complied with, 7.
Total needing abatement, 120; Abated during 1925, 71; Outstanding end of 1925, 49.

REGULATED BUILDINGS, TRADES, &c.—

Knackers' Yards—No. in District, 1; No. on Register, 1; Total Inspections made, 5; General Condition, satisfactory.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.—

Developments during 1925? 1100 yards at Pannal (extension).
Developments still needed as to (*a*) Want of Sewers—Burton Leonard, Ferrensby, Scotton, South Stainley, Hampsthwaite, and Kettlesing; (*b*) Improvement of defective sewers, none.
Sewage Disposal Works—(*a*) Any inadequacy? No; (*b*) Any complaints? No; Any sink wastes still needing disconnection? No.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION—

No. of Privies with open middens, 289. No. of Pail or Tub Closets, 60.
No. of Privies with covered middens, 1072. No. of Water Closets, 910. Waste-water Closets, 1.
No. of Privies re-constructed during 1925—(*a*) as W.C.'s, 10; (*b*) other, None.
No. of *additional* Closets provided for old property in 1925—(*a*) W.C.'s, 1; (*b*) other, None.
No. of Closets conotructed in 1925 for new houses—(*a*) W.C.'s, 63; (*b*) other, 5.

SCAVENGING—

Any change during 1925? No.
Performed by (*a*) Council—Pannal; (*b*) Contractor—Yes; (*c*) Owners or Occupiers—Yes.
How is Refuse disposed of?—No. of loads to (*a*) Destructor, 8 to 10 per week; (*b*) Tips, 1 for residue; (*c*) Farmers, only where suitable. Total annual cost, £260.
Is there any inadequacy, and where? Yes,—Killinghall, Hampsthwaite, and Knaresborough Outer.
Any utilization of waste material? Yes. If so, what? Sold to applicants.

WATER SUPPLY—

Any developments during 1925? New engine installed at Burton Leonard Waterworks.

Restricted in any way? No.

Any general insufficiency, and where? Hampsthwaite.

Any action in regard to unsatisfactory quality, and where? Hampsthwaite, analysis of sample was satisfactory.

Any new sources added? Private wells. Any disused sources re-used? No.

MILK SUPPLY—

Are two Registers being kept as required by Section 2 (3) of the 1922 Milk and Dairies (Amendment) Act? Yes. (*a*) For Retailers—Yes; (*b*) For Cow-keepers or Wholesale Traders—Yes.

Have any Licences been granted under the Milk and Dairies (Amendment) Act, 1922, to distributors of:—"Certified" milk—No; "Grade A (Tuberculin Tested)"—1; "Grade A (Pasteurised)"—No; "Pasteurised"—No.

Have you had samples of Graded Milk tested? Yes. Give No. and kind—8 "Grade A" (11); Results, excellent.

Have any Retailers been removed from the Register? No.

No. of samples taken by Officers of S.A. for analysis under F. & D. Acts—4; No. adulterated—None.

No. of samples taken by Officers of S.A. for bacteriological examination—None.

What arrangement for periodical Veterinary Inspection of dairy cows? None.

Any instance of disease attributed to milk in 1925? No.

No. of Milk Cows kept in district—1,885 (approximately).

No. of Cowkeepers in district producfng and selling milk? 151. No. Registered? 151.

No. of Retail Milk Sellers who are also Cowkeepers? 28. No. who are Milk Retailers only? 11. Total No. of Retail Milk Sellers Registered? 39.

Total No. of Cowsheds? 222. Total No. of Inspections in 1925? 241—Cowkeeepers, 241; Retailers, various.

Date of Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops Regulations? July 1st, 1911. Any Legal Action? No.

Any Inspection or other action by Districts to which Milk is sent? No.

OTHER FOODS—

No. of samples (other than Milk) taken by Officer of S.A. for examination under the Food and Drugs Act in 1925? None. No. adulterated? None.

Any special examination of Milk for Dirt? No.

No. of seizures of unsound food? 12; Kind and quantity? beasts, pork, mutton, lesions; No. of Prosecutions? None.

Any Public Abattoir? No.

No. of Slaughterhouses, 13; Registered, 12; Licensed, 1; Unsatisfactory structurally or in bad position? One, Killinghall.

No. of times each Slaughterhouse inspected? Various; Total Inspections? 123.

No. of Prosecutions (*a*) Food and Drugs? None; (*b*) Unsound Food? None; (*c*) *re* Slaughter Houses? None.

Bakehouses, No.? 2; Any Underground? No; Total No. of Inspections? Occasional.

SCHOOLS—

No. of Schools in district? 14; No. visited by M.O.H.? 8.

Action taken? School closure; Schools closed by M.O.H.? 5.

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS—

No. of Smoke observations taken? None; No. of Cautions? None; Legal Notices? None; Summonses? None.

No. of Workshops? 37; No. of times each Workshop inspected? Occasional.

Any Industrial Welfare Workers appointed? No.

ADOPTIVE ACTS—

Infectious Diseases (Prevention) Act, 1890; Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act, 1890 and 1907; Private Street Works Act, 1892; Public Health Act, 1925.—See body of report.

Any Urban Powers obtained in 1925? No.

BYELAWS AND REGULATIONS—

Any relaxation of Byelaws under Section 24 of Housing and Town Planning Act, 1919? No.

INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES—

Diseases specially prevalent in 1925? None.

Any diseases specially added to notifiable list? No.

Any influences threatening the health of the District? None.

Any undue prevalence of Venereal Diseases? No.

Any prevalence of Jaundice, and at what ages? No.

HOSPITALS AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS—

(*a*) General: Accident? None; Children? None.

(*b*) Local: Hospital, Cottage? None.

(*c*) Infectious, General? Thistle Hill, Knaresborough.
Smallpox? Killinghall Moor, Harrogate.

(*d*) Maternity? None. Any arrangements for nursing Puerperal Fever cases? No.

(*e*) Clinic and Treatment Centre not provided by County Council Scheme? No.

Whether any other disease (*e.g.*, Pneumonia) is treated in Infectious Diseases Hospital? No.

Any change or extension of (*a*) General Infectious Hospital? No. (*b*) Smallpox Hospital? No.

TUBERCULOSIS—*Procedure by M.O.H. or his staff after notification:*

(1) Inspection of patient's home and workshop? No.
(2) Examination far contacts? No.
(3) Is house disinfected? Yes. When? After removal of patient.
(4) Leaflets, Lectures, &c., distributed? No.
(5) Action *re* spitting? No.
(6) Is sputum examined apart from Dispensary? Yes.
(7) Any special procedure adopted in cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis with T.B. in sputum? No.
(8) Are the requirements of Tuberculosis Regulations as to notification observed by general practitioners? Yes.

BACTERIOLOGY (County Laboratory)—Any suggestions? No.

INFANT MORTALITY—

Any suggestions? None.
Any voluntary Centres for Child or Mother Welfare? No.
Causes of any excessive Infant Mortality in 1925? None.
Supply of Milk to Mothers and Infants. Any action? No.

VITAL STATISTICS—

No. of Still Births during 1925? Not available.
Deaths during 1925—
(1) Gross Deaths, *i.e.*, Total actually registered in the District *without any correction?* Males, 30; Females, 51.
(2) No. of uncertified deaths (included above)? None.

MORTUARIES—What accommodation? None.

SANITARY STAFF—

What is the present Annual Salary of the M.O.H.? £130.
Name of Sanitary Inspector? Wm. Lupton; Annual Salary as Inspector? £180; Other appointments held? Building Surveyor and Engtneer; Salary for such other appointments? £120.
Assistant Inspector? Arthur E. W. Lupton; Annual Salary? £90; Other appointments held? Foods Inspector and Engineer.
Any Assistants? One. Is Staff sufficient? Yes.
Does M.O.H. receive copies of Memos. and Circulars distributed by Ministry of Health? Yes.

SPECIAL REPORTS AND INVESTIGATIONS ON ANY SUBJECTS? None.

SUPPLEMENTARY REMARKS as to Sanitary requirements of District, suggestions of M.O.H., and extended notes on any of the foregoing entries? See body of report.

Table D.

SUMMARY OF HOUSING WORK DURING 1925.

Houses with defects not disposed of at end of 1924.

Houses not reasonably fit for habitation. Section 28, 1919; Section 10, 1923.—148.

Houses (recorded under "Housing") with minor defects. (Public Health Acts).—95.

Houses totally unfit. (Sections 17 and 18) 1909.—74.

Houses inspected for "Housing defects" in 1925 *under Acts and Regulations.*

Total inspected and recorded.—74.

Houses found satisfactory on inspection.—30.

Houses needing further action.—44.

Houses not reasonably fit. Action under Section 28, 1919 : *Section* 10 *of* 1923 : *and Section* 1, 1925.

Houses found with defects.—9.

Houses in regard to which formal notices were served.—8.

Houses made fit after formal notice.—1.

Action under Public Health Acts in cases of Houses with minor defects not remediable under Section 28, 1919 : *Section* 10 *of* 1923 : *and Section* 1 *of* 1925.

Houses with defects.—34.

Houses remedied without service of formal notice.—13.

Houses in regard to which formal notices were served.—15.

Houses made satisfactory after formal notice.—13.

Unfit Houses. Action under Sections 17 *or* 18, 1909 : *Sections* 9, 11, 14 *of* 1925.

Houses found to be totally unfit.—1.

Houses closed voluntarily.—3.

Houses rspresented to Council for closing orders.—2.

Houses in respect of which closing orders were made.—2.

Houses closed after service of closing order.—2.

Houses demolished voluntarily.—1.

Houses for which demolition orders were made by Council.—2.

Appeals.—None.

Houses with defects not disposed of at end of 1925.

Houses not reasonably fit for habitation. Section 28, 1919; Section 10, 1923 ; Section 1, 1925.—144.

Houses (recorded under "Housing") with minor defects. (Public Health Acts).—102.

Houses totally unfit. (Sections 17 and 18) 1909; Sections 9, 11, 14, 1925.—72.

OTHER ACTION IN REGARD TO HOUSING.

Total number of Houses in District.—2,189.

Number of Working Class Houses.—1,303.

General standard compared with that of the Ministry of Health in Manual Vol. I., 1919.—Similar, and residences above that standard.

Obstructive Buildings.—

Any building represented by M.O.H. under Sec. 38 (1) of 1890, or Sec. 19, 1925 Act? No.

Result of action (if any)? None.

Any building represented by Local Government Electors under Sec. 38 (2) of 1890 Act, or by a Justice of the Peace, Parish Council, or 4 Government Electors under Section 10, 1925 Act? No.

Unhealthy Areas.—

Any representations under part I. or II. of the 1890 Act or part II, of 1925 Act? If so give particulars.—None.

Re-construction Schemes.—

Have L.A. directed any to be prepared under Sec. 39 of 1890 Act or part II. of the 1925 Act? None.

Conversion of Houses.—

Any houses acquired for division into separate tenements, under the 1919 Act or of closed houses under Section 4, 1925 Act? If so give particulars.—None.

Penalty on re-letting houses ovdered to be closed.—

Any action under Sec. 12 of 1925 Act? None.

Unfit Houses.—

Any complaints by Local Government Electors under Section 31 of 1890 Act as amended by the 1923 Act or Section 10, 1925? None.

Any complaints by Parish Councils under Section 6 (2) of the Local Government Act, 1894? No.

Any action under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, 1899 to 1923? No.

Any scarcity of houses? If so, where? Yes. Alike in all the district.

Any overcrowding in houses, and where? Yes. Scotton and Hampsthwaite.

Any special activity in house building, and where? Pannal, Hampsthwaite, Knaresborough Outer, Scriven, Bilton, Starbeck, Follifoot, Killinghall.

Total number of Houses built in the district under state aided and all conditions in 1925, (*a*) Working Class Dwellings, 42; (*b*) Other, 26.

State-Aided Housing Schemes.

A. Scheme under 1919 *Act.*—

Number of Houses erected in 1925 (1) By Council, None; (2) By Private Builders' Subsidy, 31.

B. Scheme under 1923 *Act.*—

Have Council propounded a Scheme under this Act? No.

Has a scheme been submitted to the Ministry of Health for their approval? For Private Subsidy. Has it been approved? Yes.

If scheme is approved, please enclose particulars of same? Lump sum.

Is assistance given to private individuals? (*a*) By lump sum—Yes; If so, how much—£77. (*b*) By annual payments for 20 years—None. (*c*) By periodical payments to a Building Society—None.

Number of houses completed by Local Authority under this scheme in 1925—None.

Number of houses completed by Private Persons under this scheme in 1925—31.

Number of houses completed by Public Utility Societies under this scheme in 1925—None.

C. Scheme under 1924 *Act*—None.

Total number of houses provided under all State aided Schemes in 1925? 31.

Town Planning.

Have Council joined a Regional Town Planning Committee in 1925? No.

Have Council passed a resolution in 1925 deciding to prepare a scheme? No.

Name and Address of Officer designated to make inspections under Article II. of Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations, 1910? William Lupton, 14, Bower Road, Harrogate.

FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS, AND WORKPLACES.

Factories (including Factory Laundries)—Inspections? 27; Written Notices? None; Occupiers prosecuted? None.

Workshops (Including Workshop Laundries)—Inspections? 51; Written Notices? None; Occupiers prosecuted? None.

Workplaces (other than Outworkers' premises)—Inspections? 17; Written Notices? None; Occupiers prosecuted? None.

Total inspections, 95.

Defects found in Factories, Workshops, and Workplaces? None.

OUTWORK IN UNWHOLESOME PREMISES, Section 108? None.

Signed, W. J. FORBES,

May 25th, 1926. *Medical Officer of Health.*